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Recruitment of Sub-Judges from the bar.

*1584 Q.—Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have any intention of recruiting Sub-Judges directly from the bar and, if so, whether more details can be given of the same;

(b) whether the Government have any intention of applying communal principles in the matter of promotions in the Provincial Judicial Service and, if so, to what extent; and

(c) whether there has been any correspondence with the Government of India or the Secretary of State regarding the matters referred to in (a) and (b)?

A.—(a) The hon. Member is referred to the answer to question No. 365 answered on the 8th October 1928.

(b) The Government have not yet considered the question of application of the communal principle to the provincial judicial service.

(c) The answer is in the negative.

Rao Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR:—"With reference to the answer to (b), may I know why the Government are delaying consideration of this question when they have accepted the principle of communal representation already?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"The Government have not yet considered the question owing to pressure of business in various directions."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"May I know whether there was any stage before the death of the Raja of Panagal when the Government intended to introduce this system?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"I want notice."

Jails

Recruitment to Jailers' posts.

*1585 Q.—Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether there have been direct recruitments within the last ten years to the Jailers' posts in the Jail department;

(b) if so, who were so recruited and what were their qualifications;

(c) whether some jailers have been promoted as Jail Superintendents in preference to others who are fully qualified and who have got longer service and, if so, how many and why;

(d) whether there have been any complaints or appeals against such appointments or promotions and, if so, how many and with what result; and

(e) whether there is any proposal before the Government for directly recruiting some Europeans as Jail Superintendents and, if so, under what conditions and to what extent?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) Mr. C. C. Schmidt—Jail Test.

Capt. B. M. Inglefield Dall, A.I.R.O.—Jail Test, Third-class Test in Tamil and Telugu.

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Lieut. C. Garratty—Jail Test, Third-class Test in Tamil, Army Test in colloquial Hindustani.

(c) The promotion of jailers to the post of superintendent is by selection and not necessarily by seniority. Six jailers who have been considered fit have been promoted as superintendents in preference to their seniors.

(d) One jailer petitioned to the Government but the Government did not see sufficient reason to reconsider their orders.

(e) No.

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" May I know if there is any policy or principle underlying the direct recruitment of persons as jailers ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" As far as I can see, there is no principle except the question of efficiency."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" Is the hon. the Law Member aware that a year or two ago applications were called for from people of this place for the appointment of jailers ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" No, Sir ; I am not aware."

General

Legislative programme of the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government.

11-15 a.m. * 1586 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state his legislative programme for the rest of the life of this Council ?

A.—The following Bills are under consideration :—

(1) A Bill to amend the Madras Local Boards Act, 1920.
(2) A Bill to amend the Madras District Municipalities Act, 1920.
(3) A Bill to amend the Madras Village Panchayat Act, 1920.
(4) A Bill to amend the Madras Hindu Religious Endowments Act, 1926.
(5) A Bill to amend the Madras City Municipal Act, 1929 (regarding timber tax).
(6) A Bill to amend the Madras City Municipal Act, 1919 (regarding levy of an advertisement tax).
(7) A Bill to amend the Madras Elementary Education Act, 1920.

Mr. P. ANJANEYULU :—" May I know if in the long catalogue here any of these bills is going to be introduced either this month or before August ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" It depends on the progress made by the Drafting Department."

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—" Am I to understand that these bills are being drafted and are not ready ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" The hon. Member is right in his assumption."

Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU :—" Are they being drafted or is the drafting not yet begun ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I thought I made my hon. Friend understand that they were in the process of being drafted."